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## CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST JOHNSTON

Dr. Charles V. Carrington Ac-  
cuses Distinguished Surgeon of  
Unethical Conduct.

## CASE TO BE HEARD IN CHICAGO

Judicial Council of American  
Medical Association Will  
Sift Controversy.

Charges of unethical conduct have  
been preferred against Dr. George Ben  
Johnston, the distinguished surgeon of  
Richmond, by Dr. Charles V. Carrington,  
also a widely known physician of  
this city, before the American Medical  
Association. The judicial council of  
the American Medical Association will  
meet in Chicago on November 5 to hear  
the charges, the exact nature of which  
have not been made public. It is stated,  
however, that the charges relate purely  
to questions of professional ethics, and  
do not carry even the most remote im-  
putation of any illegal conduct.

Dr. Carrington declined last night to  
discuss the nature of the charges or  
to make public their character. They  
related entirely, he said, to alleged un-  
professional conduct as a physician, and  
are for the consideration of the judicial  
council of the American Medical Asso-  
ciation.

Dr. Johnston could not be located at  
his home or office last night, and it  
was stated that he was not at the  
Johnston-Willis Hospital, where he is  
the senior surgeon.

## FEUD SAID TO BE OF LONG STANDING

The feud between Dr. Carrington and  
Dr. Johnston is said to be of long  
standing, and according to current  
gossip, had much to do with the  
defeat of Dr. Carrington for the presi-  
dency of the Medical Society of Vir-  
ginia on Thursday, after he had been  
nominated by the executive council.  
At the executive council meeting there  
in nomination were Dr. J. A. White,  
of the University of Virginia, and Dr.  
Carrington. The first ballot the vote  
stood: Carrington, 9; White, 3; and  
Davis, 1. The second ballot was  
14 to 1 for Dr. Carrington, and he  
was elected to the presidency. According  
to the Carrington faction, Dr. White,  
after being beaten in the committee,  
bolled the " caucus " and allowed his  
name to be presented as a nominee on  
the floor. After the stormy session in  
the history of the association, he  
was elected over Dr. Carrington by a  
vote of 25 to 19.

Friends of Dr. Carrington do not  
hesitate to allege that this result was  
partly due to the efforts of Dr. John-  
ston and Dr. Stuart Matthews, of Rich-  
mond, who were known to have advo-  
cated the election of Dr. White.

## CARRINGTON ISSUES STATEMENT ON ELECTION

Dr. Carrington issued the following  
statement yesterday:

"Dr. White is a good old sportsman,  
and always plays the game right. I do not  
believe he can realize the position into  
which his overcautious friends have  
forced him, viz., of sitting in the game  
downstairs and then having the house  
raided because he lost his money—  
domination. Dr. White will make a  
splendid president."

"Personally, I had rather he fight  
than president."

"An extract from Article VI, section 1  
of the constitution of the Medical  
Society of Virginia reads as follows:  
The section relating to election of offi-  
cers, committees, etc., shall be subject  
to all officers; etc. Then later the follow-  
ing: The society shall forthwith elect  
in the case of leaving, upon each  
in the order nominated, but nothing in  
this or any other section shall be so  
construed as to prevent other nomina-  
tions being made by any member of the  
society—except by a councilor." Dr.  
McGuire Newton is a councilor."

## MEDICAL SOCIETY TO MEET IN NORFOLK

After one of the most memorable  
sessions in the history of the organiza-  
tion—peculiar for the amount of real  
work accomplished and for the sharp  
factional differences among the mem-  
bers—the small army of physicians and  
surgeons who make up the membership  
of the Medical Society of Virginia are  
this morning scattered to the four cor-  
ners of the Commonwealth. Next year  
the body will come together again in  
Norfolk.

The resolution introduced the evening  
before by Dr. J. Allison Hodges,  
making a physician residing in the  
place in which the annual convention  
is being held ineligible to the presi-  
dency for the succeeding year, was re-  
ported back to the general body and  
adopted. Dr. Hodges' resolution, it  
is thought, will make a recrudescence  
of the bitter political contest of this  
session impossible.

Easily featuring the scientific delinea-  
tions of the physicians were the  
addresses on tuberculosis and cancer,  
the one held Tuesday morning and the  
other on the evening of the same day,  
both bringing together some of the  
best-known experts in this country on  
the disease of which he has made a  
special study. Quick action—the nec-  
essary for treatment in the early  
stages of the disease—was the keynote  
struck in the discussion of both cancer  
and tuberculosis.

Before adjourning yesterday the so-  
ciety unanimously adopted a resolu-  
tion thanking Dr. Thomas W. Murrell  
and his associates on the committee on  
arrangements for the entertainment  
given them in the city and expressing  
its appreciation to those who had taken  
a part in the entertainment.

## Condition Satisfactory



J. P. MORGAN.

## MORGAN OPERATED UPON AT HIS GLEN COVE HOME

Prompt Recovery From Mild Attack  
of Appendicitis Is Confidently  
Expected.

## GENERAL HEALTH EXCELLENT

Announcement Is Without Appreciable  
Effect on Stock Exchange.  
Illness Not Regarded as Serious  
by Any Member of Firm.

NEW YORK, October 29.—J. P. Mor-  
gan had been at his desk a little  
over two months since recovering from  
an illness suffered by Erick Muen-  
ster, the head professor of Lang Univer-  
sity, who attempted to kill the financier  
last July, is again confined to his bed,  
this time from an attack of appendi-  
citis.

Mr. Morgan went through an operation  
yesterday, which three attendants  
described as successful. The appendix  
was removed at noon by Drs. Markoe, Lyle  
and Smith, and shortly thereafter they  
said Mr. Morgan was resting comfort-  
ably. Continued progress was reported  
unofficially during the afternoon.

The attack of appendicitis was mild  
in character, it was said, and the pa-  
tient's condition was in no way at-  
tributed to the attempted assassination  
by Muenster. His general health, his  
doctors said, was excellent, and his  
prompt recovery was confidently ex-  
pected.

## OPERATION ADVISED BY HIS PHYSICIANS

Mr. Morgan became indisposed yester-  
day, and specialists diagnosed his  
illness as a mild attack of appendi-  
citis. Fearing a recurrence of the  
malady later, his physicians advised  
him to undergo the operation now.

Accordingly, the operation was per-  
formed today at his home in Glen  
Cove, Long Island. All members of  
the Morgan family were at the house  
at the time. The announcement that  
Mr. Morgan had undergone an operation  
had no appreciable effect on the  
stock exchange. Stocks declined frac-  
tionally, but quickly rebounded.

At the Morgan offices, his illness was  
not regarded as serious by any member  
of the firm. Whether Mr. Morgan's ill-  
ness could be attributed to his strenu-  
ous activity in connection with the  
recent Anglo-French loan could not be  
ascertained today, but the general im-  
pression in the financial section was  
that this might be the case.

During the month and more that the  
loan commission spent in this city, Mr.  
Morgan's working hours were long.  
Even on Sundays he did not neglect the  
commission, but entertained Lord Reading  
and his associates frequently at his  
Glen Cove home.

Comment was caused by the fact that  
in a bulletin issued early to-night the  
operation was referred to as one for  
"acute appendicitis." The announce-  
ment to-day said that the patient  
was suffering from a mild attack. At  
midnight no further word had come  
from the Morgan home, and this was  
taken to indicate that the patient's  
condition was satisfactory.

## IN HONOR OF BOONE

Monument Marking Original Graves of  
Pioneer and His Wife in Cemetery  
at Martinsville, Mo., Dedicated.

MARTINSVILLE, MO., October 29.—  
A monument marking the original  
graves of Daniel Boone and his wife,  
Rebecca Bryan Boone, was dedicated  
in Bryan Cemetery here to-day. Cer-  
emonies were under the auspices of the  
Daughters of the American Revolution.  
The monument is a huge granite  
boulder from the Ozark Mountains.  
The bodies of the pioneer and his wife  
were removed to Frankfort, Ky., in  
1845, but it was deemed fitting to mark  
the original graves. Boone selected the  
site for his grave.

## JOFFRE IN LONDON

In Conference With Asquith, Kitchener,  
Balfour, Lloyd George and  
Other Military Officers.

LONDON, October 29.—General Joffre,  
the French commander-in-chief, came  
to London to-day, and attended a con-  
ference in Downing Street, at which  
were Premier Asquith, Earl Kitchener,  
Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty,  
David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions,  
and several British and French  
military officers.

## JITNEYS CUT INTO TROLLEY RECEIPTS

President Wheelwright Files An-  
nual Report of Virginia Rail-  
way and Power Company.

## LOSS IN PASSENGER REVENUE

Report States That Jitneys Prove  
Unprofitable and Are Rap-  
idly Dying Out.

According to the sixth annual re-  
port of the Virginia Railway and  
Power Company, made public yester-  
day, the gross railway earnings of the  
company, for the year ending June 30,  
1915, were \$143,635.16 less than the  
gross earnings from the same source  
during the preceding year.

Much of this shrinkage is attributed  
by the company to the jitney bus com-  
petition which began in March, caus-  
ing "very considerable losses" for the  
remainder of the fiscal year. General  
adverse business conditions, due to the  
disarrangement of the Southern cotton  
and tobacco markets by the war, are  
held jointly responsible with the  
jitney for the shrinkage in earnings.

## LOSS IN PASSENGER EARNINGS OFFSET BY SALE OF CURRENT

While the losses in the passenger de-  
partment were heavy they were partly  
offset by increased gross earnings from  
the sale of electric light and power  
and gas, the year showing a \$97,268.89  
increase in this department over the  
gross earnings from the same source  
during the fiscal year preceding. The  
gross income of the company from all  
its activities showed a decrease of  
\$19,552.94 as compared with the gross  
income of last year.

## President Wheelwright Summarizes as Follows:

"When the general business condi-  
tions and the very considerable losses  
from jitney bus competition, as indi-  
cated in the reduction of railway re-  
ceipts compared with the preceding  
year, are all considered, it is a subject  
of gratification to the management of  
the company that the gross income of  
the company from all sources for the  
fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, only  
showed a decrease of \$19,552.94 as com-  
pared with the preceding year, a de-  
crease of less than 1 per cent."

## LIBERAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY

"While the management of the com-  
pany undertook to conserve its re-  
sources and reduce expenses as much  
as practicable to meet the adverse con-  
ditions existing, this was not done at  
the expense of the property. The com-  
pany has continued its policy of liberal  
expenditures for the maintenance of  
property and equipment during the  
year, and has carried out its plans for  
improvement with a view of keeping  
the physical and operating conditions  
up to and in advance of the needs of  
the service."

"The close of the fiscal year finds the  
properties, both in railway and light  
and power departments, in better  
physical and operating condition than  
they have ever been in their history."

The immediate relation of jitney bus  
competition to railway earnings is re-  
flected in the figures for the different  
railway divisions. The shrinkage in  
gross railway earnings in Richmond,  
where jitney competition was keenest,  
was \$96,871.29. In Norfolk, the loss  
was \$54,821.47. In Portsmouth, \$6,  
250.25; and on the Ocean View division,  
\$5,453.12. The Petersburg and Inter-  
urban divisions, which were subjected  
to negligible jitney competition, and  
where the Du Pont travel has been a  
considerable factor, both report gains.  
The Interurban division shows an in-  
crease in gross railway earnings of  
\$19,189.32 over last year, while the Pe-  
tersburg division reports an increase  
of only \$211.85.

## WHEELWRIGHT DISCUSSES JITNEY COMPETITION

On the subject of jitney busses,  
President Wheelwright reports to the  
stockholders:

"These vehicles began to operate as  
common carriers of passengers for hire  
for a recent fare in Richmond, Nor-  
folk and Portsmouth in March, 1915,  
and, as in other places where they  
were introduced, they acquired an im-  
mediate popularity as a fast and a  
quick and cheap mode of transporta-  
tion. Since these vehicles confined their  
operations to the central section of  
the city and to the well-paved  
streets, they cut into the most profit-  
able business of the street railway  
companies and left those companies  
in a position that they were com-  
pelled to continue the service in the  
outlying districts where the operations  
were at a loss."

"This company felt that if this  
method of transportation could be  
conducted with profit then it was de-  
sirable that it be done by the com-  
pany. In order to test the matter this  
company caused to be organized a  
subsidiary company known as the  
Motor Transit Corporation, which ac-  
quired forty cheap cars in April, 1915,  
and operated the same on regular  
schedules in that section of the city  
of Richmond where this service was  
being rendered."

"The result of the operations was to  
demonstrate that the business could  
not be conducted without a loss, and  
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## IT PAYS TO TRAVEL YORK RIVER LINE

To Baltimore and beyond. Excellent steam-  
er service. Only \$2.00 one way. \$3.00 round  
trip. Delightful sail up Chesapeake Bay.

## FEARS FOR SAFETY OF U. S. CITIZENS

Americans in Villa-Controlled  
State of Sonora Believed to  
Be in Grave Danger.

## GOVERNOR MAKES PROTEST

Permission for Carranza Troops  
to Pass Through This Country  
Cause of Uneasiness.

DEMING, ARIZ., October 29.—At  
least fifty, and possibly 100, American  
citizens residing in the State of Sonora  
are believed here to have been placed  
in grave danger today by the posting  
at Camaguey of printed copies of a pro-  
test which Carlos Huila, acting Villa  
governor, sent to the State Department  
at Washington.

The protest declared that unless per-  
mission given General Carranza to  
transport troops over American territory  
to Aguaprieta was not immediately  
revoked "there would be no safety" for  
American citizens in Sonora, much less  
for their property."

At Camaguey alone American mining  
interests have property valued at mil-  
lions of dollars.

The document posted there was  
signed by J. M. Acosta, a Yaqui chief,  
in the form of a notice to the Carranza  
protest that the governor had sent a  
protest to Washington. A copy placed  
in the hands of American authorities  
here to-night read in part:

"Urge him [President Wilson] to  
revoke immediately permission granted  
Carranza to send troops over Ameri-  
can territory into Aguaprieta, because  
otherwise we will have to lament any  
fatal consequences on account of the  
great danger as all Americans in So-  
nora will be placed, for it is impossible  
for me to express the feeling of the  
people, and the army against the  
American government for apparent par-  
tiality shown in helping one contending  
Mexican faction, contrary to all rights.  
I trust the American government re-  
cognizes the gravity of the situation and  
will revoke the many-times-repeated  
permission."

## SEVEN AMERICANS ALREADY IN HANDS OF VILLA TROOPS

Seven Americans already are in the  
hands of Villa troops, according to in-  
formation available to-night. James  
Carr, St. James Carr, Jr., Lawrence  
Carr and William Carr are held at  
Esquela, and three Americans employed  
on the El Tigre power line, Archie  
McDonald and two others named Nel-  
son and Greene are prisoners at Fron-  
teras, according to reports.

Re-enforced by a consignment of  
artillery which arrived this morning,  
the Carranza garrison at Aguaprieta,  
across the border from here, awaited  
to-night an attack by a greatly su-  
perior force of General Villa's soldiers.  
The opening of a battle which it is  
believed, may decide the future im-  
portance of Villa as a factor in the  
Mexican situation is expected to take  
place by Sunday. General Calles, com-  
manding at Aguaprieta, had about 3,700  
effective troops, more than twenty  
three-inch field guns and about fifty  
machine guns. A Villa force of from  
6,000 to 12,000 men, with twenty-eight  
field guns, was advancing on the town.  
Meanwhile, on this side of the border,  
5,000 American troops, with sixteen  
field guns, were prepared to prevent  
the combatants from doing damage to  
American life and property.

The Carranza troops awaited the  
arrival of 3,000 troops coming by rail  
through United States territory to  
strengthen the Aguaprieta garrison.  
Twenty-five hundred men, with their  
arms in a sealed car, were expected  
here from Eagle Pass to-morrow. A  
similar force will follow later.

## FOUR TRAINS WITH TROOPS LEAVE FOR AGUAPRIETA

EAGLE PASS, TEX., October 29.—  
Four trains carrying Carranza re-  
forcements left Eagle Pass to-day  
for Aguaprieta, opposite Doug-  
lass. The first train will proceed  
to-night and to-morrow.

The movement of Carranza troops  
over American territory is in line with  
the recent permission granted by the  
Washington government, whereby Car-  
ranza was permitted to re-enforce his  
garrison at Aguaprieta in the face of  
a threatened Villa attack.

## MEXICAN BANDIT ATTACK PATH OF U. S. SOLDIERS

BROWNVILLE, TEX., October 29.—  
Mexican bandits attacked a patrol of  
twenty United States soldiers early to-  
day near Capote, under the impression  
that the troops were in tents. In-  
stead, the infantry were standing in  
trenches a short distance from the  
camp and opened fire on the Mexicans  
at short range before the latter real-  
ized their predicament. The bandits  
made off in the direction of the Rio  
Grande River, three miles distant.

Three horses ridden by the Mexicans  
were killed, but it was impossible to  
ascertain whether any of the Mexicans  
were wounded. No American soldiers  
were hit.

## CARLIN FOR STRONGER LAW

Favors Severe Punishment for Persons  
Seeking to Interfere With Legiti-  
mate Trade of United States.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WASHINGTON, October 29.—Con-  
gressman Charles C. Carlin, of Vir-  
ginia, ranking member of the House  
Committee on the Judiciary, to-day de-  
clared that as a result of the Ger-  
man and Austria-Hungary propaganda  
against American industries he intends  
to propose legislation in the next Con-  
gress to strengthen the Federal crim-  
inal laws on the severe punishment  
to be meted out to persons seeking to  
interfere with the legitimate business  
of the people of this country in the in-  
terest of a foreign nation. Mr. Carlin  
will hold a conference with Attorney  
General Gregory before Congress con-  
venes to discuss the defects in the pres-  
ent laws.

## Remarkable Tribute Paid Nurse Cavell By English People

Thousands Assemble in  
Honor of Woman "Foul-  
ly Done to Death by  
Barbarous Enemy."

BY HALL CAINE.

(Copyright, 1915, by the International  
News Service.)  
LONDON, October 29.—

"Oh, Death, where is thy sting?"  
Down to a fortnight ago, few of us  
outside the immediate circle of Nurse  
Cavell's family and friends even so  
much as heard her name; now all the  
world knows it. It has gone as by a  
supernatural trumpet blast to the  
utmost ends of the earth. Mingled  
with a cry of horror and execration at  
the brutal act of tyranny, it has rung  
round the globe.

At to-day, 10,000 persons have as-  
sembled in the Cathedral Church of  
the capital of our empire to thank God  
for the great soul it stood for in this  
transitory existence, to perpetuate her  
memory and to quicken the holy spirit  
of self-sacrifice which was exemplified  
in her life and death.

What a scene it has been! None of  
us will ever forget it.

In the gray dawn of one of the first  
days of winter, all London was already  
moving towards St. Paul's Cathedral.  
The morning was fine, but the city  
was heavy and sad. Long before the  
service began traffic in the streets  
around the cathedral was first impeded,  
then arrested and finally stopped. At  
length a cordon of police had to keep  
back the surging, swelling crowds who  
were struggling to reach the doors in-  
side the cathedral.

What a sight it was! The vast multi-  
tude stretched from the church steps  
and the broad space under the dome to  
where the colossal statues of Eng-  
land's mighty dead emerged from the  
gloom by the far-off portico.

The gray old sanctuary has wit-  
nessed many a great moving spectacle;  
services of intercession, of supplication,  
of lamentation, of thanksgiving, of re-  
joicing and of mourning, but perhaps,  
never before has it seen anything quite  
like this.

What an assembly! The King was  
represented by the Queen's secretary,  
and Queen Alexandra, the beloved of  
the people, in her own person. The  
Prime Minister and many members of  
his Cabinet, statesmen, scholars, sci-  
entists; a great company of nurses in  
their various uniforms, fresh from the  
great houses of pain; pathetic groups  
here and there of wounded soldiers,  
home from the battle field, and then  
an immense concourse of the general  
public, chiefly women, many of them  
in black, the wives, the sisters and the  
mothers of the brave lads who are  
fighting for us at the front, or of those  
other brave boys who already have  
fought and fallen were there.

What has brought this multitude to-  
gether?

A great victory? The close of a  
great campaign? The funeral, as at  
this time, of a great and gallant  
warrior, who after many glorious vic-  
tories, had died as is most fit, within  
the sound of the guns in the war he  
forefought, and is borne to his last rest-  
ing place amid the acclamation of his  
countrymen and the homage of the  
world?

FOULLY DONE TO DEATH  
BY BARBAROUS ENEMY

No, but in memory of a poor woman,  
a poor hospital nurse, who has been  
foully done to death by a barbarous  
enemy, condemned for acts of mercy  
and humanity, tried in secret for so  
in effect, it was, shot in haste and  
then buried in a traitor's grave.

"What a triumph for religion, for  
Christianity, for the church! What an  
answer to Nietzsche! What a rebuke  
to Nietzsche! What a smashing blow  
to all the wise philosophers who have  
been telling us that Cornea has con-  
quered faith!"

That in these dark and evil days  
the people of London should assemble  
in tens of thousands to thank God  
for the shadow of a scaffold, and to find  
inspiration in thinking of the martyr's  
end, is proof enough that not just of  
empire, not of the will to gain power,  
not for its own sake, but for the sake  
of triumph it brings in its train, but  
Bible, and with it righteousness, is  
still the bread of our souls.

"Poor Nurse Cavell," we were saying  
to each other as we went into the  
cathedral, thinking of that mockery of  
a military trial at Brussels, and of the  
show of bullets in the prison yard  
to all the wise philosophers of the  
day, but, as we came out of it, we  
moved to tears and thrilled up to our  
throbbing throats, scarcely able to  
speak for the emotion that mastered  
us, we were saying to ourselves:

"No, not poor—great, heroic, im-  
mortal, everlasting—victorious!"

"One of the centinels on the hilltops  
of eternity who have won the right  
to stand by the beacon fires of hope  
and sacrifice, which light up the des-  
tiny of mankind!"

LIFE'S CONGRATULATION TO  
HEROES OF EMOTION

After a hush—the silence of wait-  
ing time—and at the cathedral clock  
outside with its solemn boom is strik-  
ing the hour of noon, the service be-  
gins. It is choral throughout, except  
for the prayers, and it lifts the con-  
gregation to a height of emotion not  
often reached by the human soul.

Again and again, as the organ peals  
out, sometimes with a great rush of  
sound and sometimes with a note  
hardly louder than the human breath,  
and as the surge and swell of ten  
thousand human voices sweeps down  
the long nave and rises into the empty  
vaults.

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## REDUCED FARES TO GREENVILLE, S. C.

Via Southern Railway, Nov. 1-2, 1915, \$10.00  
round trip. Inquire 20 East Main Street.

## GERMANS TRYING TO BLOCK RETREAT OF SERBIAN ARMY

Spirited Resistance Being  
Offered to Invading  
Forces.

## AUSTRIANS MAKE LITTLE GAIN IN MONTENEGRO

French Claim to Have Cleared  
Bulgarians Out of Velez  
District.

## USKUP NOT YET RECAPTURED

Roumanian Reported About to Throw  
in Lot With Entente  
Allies.

## Continue Pressure Against Serbians

THE Austro-Germans and Bul-  
garians are continuing their  
pressure against the Serbians from  
three directions in the north, and  
everywhere are gaining ground, ac-  
cording to their reports, but the  
Serbians are still fighting desperately  
to hold them back until aid ar-  
rives from the south.

While the exact situation near the  
Greek border is not known, un-  
official reports have it that the  
French have occupied Strumitsa and  
advanced about twenty miles into  
Bulgarian territory. The Bulgarians  
are declared to have lost heavily in  
the three days' fighting. The Bul-  
garians, on the other hand, are said  
to have recaptured Velez, on the  
railroad to the south of Uskup.

The French have taken several  
trenches from the Germans in the  
center for the La Carline salient  
positions in Champagne, still occu-  
pied by the Germans, whose contin-  
uous fighting is going on. In addi-  
tion, the Germans are declared by  
Paris to have lost nearly 400 men  
in killed or wounded and 200 taken  
prisoner. Artillery duels have pre-  
dominated on the rest of the line  
in France and Belgium.

LONDON, October 29.—The Germans,  
with the European and Bulgarian al-  
lies, are still making an attempt to  
cut off the retreat of the main Serbian  
army, which is offering such spirited  
resistance to the invaders. While Field  
Marshal von Mackensen's forces ad-  
vance slowly from the north, the Aus-  
trians have crossed the western border  
of Serbia, south of Visegrad, and  
are moving eastward, and the Bul-  
garians are marching westward on a  
wide front from Dober, which lies  
southeast of Nish, to Zajcar, to the  
northeast of Nish. It is, of course, a  
long way across, and the country is  
difficult to traverse, but the Serbians  
are bound to defend it as long as pos-  
sible, as their great arsenal at Kraguyevac  
is situated in this area, and they  
will doubtless hold on with the hope of  
making an eventual retirement in the  
mountains along the Montenegrin  
frontier and in that country.

To forestall this, the Austrians also  
are attacking in Montenegro, but have  
made little progress, as the Montene-  
grins under their veteran fighting King  
have had a long time to prepare for  
just such an event, and thus far have  
beat off all attempts to throw them  
back. In fact, the Montenegrins hold  
some strong positions in Austrian ter-  
ritory, out of which they will have to  
be driven before their own country is  
invaded.

## FRENCH CLEAR BELGIAN OUT OF VELES DISTRICT

There is no change in the southern  
area of Serbia, so far as is known.  
The report that Uskup has been re-  
captured is not confirmed. The French,  
however, claim to have cleared the  
Bulgarians out of the Velez district.  
This, if true, would clear Uskup an  
unsafe place for the invaders, in the  
opinion of military men.

In what other way Serbia is to be  
assisted has not yet been disclosed.  
Some British troops are co-operating  
with the French in the south, and  
others are on the way, but where they  
will be used remains a secret. Rus-  
sians claim to have not yet been dis-  
closed, although from German state-  
ments it is reported that Roumania is about  
to throw in her lot with the entente  
allies, and will allow the passage of  
50,000 of Russian troops through her  
territory to attack Bulgaria from the  
north.

Greece has assured the entente  
powers that her neutrality remains  
friendly to them, and has pointed out  
that she already has given them assist-  
ance by permitting the landing of their  
troops at Saloniki.

## BATTLE IS STILL RAGING FOR RIGA AND DVINSK